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Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

Letter dated 21 June 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

With reference to rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, I have the honour, as Chairman of the African Group for the month of June, to request the inclusion in the agenda of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly of an additional item entitled "Appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations" for consideration directly in plenary meeting. In accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, I have the honour to attach an explanatory memorandum (see annex).

I humbly request the President to circulate my letter together with the explanatory memorandum as a document of the General Assembly.

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Annex

Explanatory memorandum

Member States are aware that the Security Council is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, 27 June 2001, to consider a recommendation on the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Member States will also recall that, in accordance with Article 97 of the Charter of the United Nations, "the Secretary-General shall be appointed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Security Council". Accordingly, it is necessary to inscribe an additional item on the agenda of the fifty-fifth regular session to enable the General Assembly to receive and consider the recommendation of the Security Council.